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A BRAVE REQUEST.

The Dry Benchers come to the front agein with their perennial appeal for water. As regularly as the snows melt water. As regularly as the snows melt and the summer sun casts its rays upon the northern slope, those afflicted and thirsty puople ory aloud for meisture. We were all in hopes that when the males was laid over the mountain and strong above the isonchers the wail for wet would be hushed and peace and quiet would be hushed and peace and quiet would reign in that agitated quarter of the corporation; but that hope, like many others, has been dashed, and on Tuesday evening the thirsty denizens of the bench, 129 strong, sent their regular pring appeal in to the Council.

with their mouths, might oftener have their eyes opened, and escape many of the evils which now afflict them because of their ignorance and susceptibility to the canning arts of the Mosts, the Spies and the Kearnsya The lot of the laborer would be a much happier one if he would cut loore from controlling societies, steer clear of agitators and attend strictly to his own affairs.

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Goodness knows there is not a hu-mane-minded man, woman or child re-siding within the meles and bounds of the municipality who would not shout with exceeding joy if that parched and arid bench were abun-dantly supplied with the precious fluid, and every house between the upper ditch and the tops of Twin Peaks had pure and refreshing water in every room. But don't our northeastern friends think they are asking a little too much in their request of Toesday even-ing? Of the signers of the petition, 22 agree to take the water and pay the regular rates for service if the city will lay the mains along the lateral how 2 ng these streets are, but it is cer-tain that some miles of mains would be required to fill them, and the cost would be many thousands of dollars. It strikes us that the proposition is so unreasonable as to border upon the ridiculous. The municipal taxes and the water rate numbined, collected from the district combined, collected from the district asked to be piped, would not pay the interest on the first cost price of the mains. Assuredly the city treasury is not in a condition to incur the expense of laying water mains in a sparsely seltled and by no means wealthy district, while trackly populated streets, which would pay ten dollars for every one which the north beach could pay, distince considered, for water service, are without main pipes. The North thous main pipes. The North Benchers confess that it is out of the question for them to pay the 50 cents per foot assessment for the mains. Many of the lots would not fetch in the real estate market the amount of the real estate market the amount of the tax. Then if the people can neither pay for taking the water to them, nor for the service after the water has been carried to their doors, is it fair or just that they should expect others to bear

We would all like to see the water spread over the bench, and would all like to hear the last of the pitiful wait which has been sounding these many years, but we must confess an inability to find the merit or real justice in this last appeal to the City Council.

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Union is in an upplement position. He says there is a man at Beatrice, armed with a Squirt-gum, that is leaded "with an accumulation of sour bile and the concentrated essence of sewerage alth," the weapon being pointed in the direction of the Union califor. It occurs to us that the Union call to the direction of the Union call to the direction of the Union call to the Union call the Union call to the Union call to the Union call to the Union call the Uni either run or hoist an umbrella.

THE USION PACIFIC must have wanted Potter, its new manager, very much. The newspapers report that his salary is \$40,000 a year, and now it is said that in addition to this the company gave him a bonus of \$40,000, making his first year's pay \$80,000.

# A POINTED QUESTION.

Johann Most, the wild-syed and wide-monthed Anarchiai, was addressing a meeting in New York a week ago last Sunday evening, and in the midst of an oratorical flight, when a young man, in a clear and itrm voice, asked him if he "ever did a day's work outside of a jail?" The effort was wonderend, and was described by a newapoper reporter as follows: a "Most looked around wildly, in bewildered heattation, He dropped into a chair. The meeting was at once adjourned, Like that greet all-powerful sentence. 'Lest there be light, and there was light.' Peter Meyer's question shed a ray of illumination on Most which showed him off instantly in his true light to all the crowd. "It is a pity there is not always ou hand at these signators' meetings a men with the audacity to propound similar questions to the howers who are locever trying to lead the ignorant and unwary astray and make a stying by duping poor fellows whose necessities make them easy.

clims to the wiles and pr mes out of ten the "laber agitator, he man who manipulates and leads the orkingmes, inducing them to strik, gainst their test interests and to be one snote is a fellow who never work recept with his jaws. He is a cumiling aroul who manages to live off the poor tilows who are notable to except with his jaws. He is a country rarnal who manages to live off the poorfellows who are noable to support themselves and their families describly. The platform anarchist is the chirp who inmites the weak minded and inequations to acts of violence and attempts to overthrow governments, but with danger appears he skips and hides. If there are bombs to be thrown, he indoces others to throw them while he runs. Most himself when accessed a year or so ago, was found hiding under the led of his minitees. The Socialists who are no brave with their mouths are dispicable cowards when it comes to \$3 tion. If there were Peter Meyers overywhere to propound conundrams to the workingmen's agitators, the Socialists, orators and the Anarchist blatherskites, the real laborers, the men who work with their mands and not with their mouths, might oftener have their eyes opened, and escape many of the evils which now afflict them because of their ignorance and susceptibility to the cunningers of the Kets, the Schwarzentlar.

the high license system, but the new law contains so many impracticable provisions and so many rules and regu-lations, that it is feared the law will not be the success that its advocates hoper. Reforms, to be successful, mu be wrought by degrees; they cannot be achieved in a minute. Drastic legisla achieved in a minute. Drastic legislation can hordly ever be enforced to advantage when it follows immediately lax laws. One of the provisions of the new act imposes a fine of \$500 on any one who selfs or gives away liquor on Sunday. It is simply ridiculous to say that such a measure can be enforced in a community where little effort has been made to suppress the Sunday liquor traffic. The people will not approve of any such severe penalty, and will frown upon any attempt to enforce the provision; and when the great majority of the people themselves oppose the provision; and when the great majority of the people themselves oppose the application of the law, the statute must practically fail. There are other provisions of the Pennsylvania law equally drastic and improbable of execution. A law which cannot be applied by reason of its severity or unreasonableness, had better be erased from the books, for a law not enforced is worse than no law on the subject.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL VILAS IS able to POSTMASTER-GENERAL VINAS is able to present some figures as to the expense of his department which show that his management has been careful and efficient, and which are decidedly encouraging. The original estimate of the deficiency for the year ending June 20 proximo, war \$7,500,000, and in his last report Mr. Vilas said the shortage would fall below \$6,000,000. With the actual expenses before him, the Post master-Beneral now says the deficiency will not exceed \$3,873,492. One of these days, the postoffice department will be self-supporting, notwithstanding the two-cent postage and the remarkable extension of the postal service during late years. ate years.

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